(b) when they were repaired last; and

(c) whether the Government have recently received representations that vehicles are being damaged and pedestrians are inconvenienced by the non-repairs of the roads?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) to (c) A report in the matter has been called for from the Chief Engineer (Highways) and its receipt is awaited. The Government have received representations about the bad condition of roads within certain municipal limits and the Chief Engineer has been asked to report on them. Necessary action will be taken on receipt of the Chief Engineer's report."

Enforcement of Non-Power Factories and Shop Assistants' Acts.

* 26 Q.—SRI P. R. K. SARMA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) when the Non-Power Factories and Shop Assistants' legislation passed by this Council will be brought into force and what the reasons are for the delay in their enforcement; and

(b) whether any representations have been made to the Government for the immediate enforcement of the said enactments and what action the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (a) The Non-Power Factories Bill is still awaiting the assent of the Governor-General. The Shops and Establishments Act has been published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 10th February 1948, and the preliminaries such as agency for administration, inspection, etc., are being got ready before it is brought into force.

"(b) Some representations have been received from certain workers' organizations and action as stated above is being taken by the Government."

Representatives from the Province to the Industries Conference held at Delhi.

* 27 Q.—SRI P. R. K. SARMA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representatives from this Province attended the Industries Conference recently held in Delhi for promoting peace in Industry;

(b) who those representatives are;

(c) whom they represented and what their credentials are; and

(d) whether any representatives of Labour from this Province attended the Conference, by whom they were sent and what their credentials are?

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THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—"(a) to (d) Myself, Mr. K. G. Menon, I.C.S., Secretary to Government, Development Department, the Director of Industries and Commerce, Madras, and the Chief Engineer (Electricity), Madras represented the Madras Government at the Industries Ministers' Conference. Besides the representatives of the Provincial Government, the Government of India also invited representatives from certain Chambers of Commerce, Associations, etc., on their own initiative. The Government have no information regarding the other representatives invited to the Conference."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the Government of Madras were consulted with regard to the representatives of the associations, etc., who were invited to the Conference from this Province? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" As I have already stated, the Government of India on their own intitiative invited various people but not in consultation with or through the Madras Government."

Import of manure into this Province.

* 28 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : " Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the quantity of manures imported from abroad during 1946–47 and 1947–48 ;

(b) the agency through which the manures are imported and the price paid ;

(c) whether tenders are called for for importing manures ;

(d) whether the department of Agriculture called for tenders for handling and distribution of imported manures;

(e) whether any firm or firms have been appointed for clearing, handling and distribution of ammonium sulphate without calling for tenders ;

(f) if the answer to (e) is in the affirmative, why the Government preferred to resort to direct appointment without calling for tenders ; and

(g) whether the Government will be pleased to make a statement regarding the procedure followed for obtaining, clearing, handling and distributing imported manures?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—"(a) The Government of India allotted the following quantities of imported chemical fertilizers to this Province :—

		1946–47. TONS.	1947–48. TONS.
Ammonium sulphate	..	60,800	50,000
Ammonium phosphate	..	5,209	1,500
Di-ammonium phosphate	..	..	1,250
Ammonium nitrate ..	..	..	3,900